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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN ACQUISITION BOEING 720 JET AIRCRAFT

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1. GLOOR AND STENNER OF SWISS COMPANY JET AVIATION BASLE

VISITED WASHINGTON AT SUGGESTION DEPTS OF STATE AND COMMERCE TO DISCUSS ILLEGAL TRANSFER OF BOEING 720'S TO RHODESIA IN CONNECTION WITH JET AVIATION'S REQUEST FOR EXPORT LICENSES FOR AIRCRAFT PARTS. IN DISCUSSION WITH STATE AND COMMERCE OFFICERS NOV 13 AND 14, GLOOR AND STENNER PRESENTED THEIR CLAIM WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, THAT JA INNOCENTLY INVOLVED IN TRANSFER. THEY CLAIMED JA SOLD JETS AND SPARES TO M.E. EYETT WHO REPRESENTED HIMSELF AS SOUTH AFRICAN AIRCRAFT BROKER BASED IN LOURENCO MARQUES WHO BUYING ON BEHALF OVERSEAS HOLIDAYS OF JOHANNESBURG. ONLY AFTER DEAL CONSUMMATED AND AIRCRAFT DELIVERED TO LISBON DID JA DISCOVER THROUGH NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT AIRCRAFT HAD GONE TO RHODESIA AND FURTHER THAT EYETT IN FACT ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER OF AIR RHODESIA. JA CLAIMED EYETT REFERRED TO THEM BY BOEING AND THAT EYETT'S PERSONNEL HAD BEEN TRAINED IN US BY BOEING AND UNITED AIRLINES.

2. TRANSFER OF AIRCRAFT TO LISBON ACCOMPLISHED AFTER ALL VIABLE LIENS--INCLUDING BOEING LIEN--HAD BEEN BOUGHT UP BY JA SO THAT JA COULD HAVE TAKEN LEGAL TITLE FROM BANKRUPT WEST GERMAN COMPANY CALAIR. SPARES BOUGHT BY JA FROM BOEING WERE SENT WITH AIRCRAFT WITHOUT REQUIRED US RE-EXPORT AUTHORIZATION. FERRY FLIGHT TO LISBON WITH ALLEGED CONCURRENCE WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES ACCOMPLISHED BY BELGIAN CREWS SINCE GERMAN AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT ACCEPT SHORT TIME EYETT CREWS TRAINED FOR 720'S.

3. OUR PRELIMINARY JUDGEMENT IS THAT WHILE AIRCRAFT TRANSFER TO PORTUGAL MAY NOT HAVE REQUIRED USG RE-EXPORT APPROVAL, SPARE PARTS WERE SOLD DIRECTLY FROM US TO JA AND THUS EXPORT REGULATIONS NOT FOLLOWED WHEN TRANSFERRED TO PORTUGAL.

4. DEPT. OF COMMERCE SENDING AIRGRAM TO ADDRESSEES WITH FULL DETAILS ITS INVESTIGATION TO DATE AND WITH REQUESTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR FOLLOW-UP ON CERTAIN DETAILS.

5. PENDING COMPLETION FURTHER INVESTIGATION, COMMERCE AND STATE RECOMMENDING APPROVAL EXPORT LICENSES TO JET AVIATION GENEVA FOR LEARJET PARTS. STILL PENDING IS JET AVIATION BASLE'S APPLICATION FOR CURRENT STATION LICENSE.

6. ADDRESSEES WILL BE INFORMED OF FURTHER PROGRESS
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